Introduced by Assembly Member Dickerson

February 23, 2001

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 27—Relative to the India earthquake of 2001.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 27, as introduced, Dickerson. India earthquake.

This measure would express the sympathy of the Legislature for those who died and those who lost loved ones in the earthquake that hit India on January 26, 2001. It also would express the hope that the world never forgets this tragedy and acknowledge the efforts of the India Earthquake Relief Fund.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, On January 26, 2001, an earthquake measuring 7.9
- 2 on the Richter scale hit the country of India; and
- 3 WHEREAS, An estimated 1,000 buildings were destroyed,
- 4 with the most damage reported in the cities of Bhuj, Anjar, and
- 5 Bhachau: and
- 6 WHEREAS, 17,000 men, women and children have been
- 7 confirmed dead, and an estimated final death toll of 50,000 is
- 8 expected; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Some 73,000 homes have been destroyed, leaving
- 10 more than 500,000 victims homeless; and
- 11 WHEREAS, The Fiji American Civil Rights Association, in
- 12 association with the Cultural Association of India, Kohinoor,

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Gujarati Samaj and Brahaman Smaj and Saharafiji, has created the India Earthquake Relief Fund; and

WHEREAS, The India Earthquake Relief Fund raised more than \$5,000 during its inaugural meeting and has collected approximately \$50,000 to aid in the relief efforts for the earthquake victims; and

WHEREAS, The India Earthquake Relief Fund has set up several fundraising events, such as a "Live Aid" performance and an Indo-American band telethon, has provided interviews on public access television, and has set up collection booths; and

WHEREAS, Funds collected have been forwarded to the central earthquake relief director in Gujarat, India; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature expresses its deepest sympathy for those who died and those who lost loved ones in the earthquake that hit India on January 26, 2001, expresses its hope that the world never forgets this tragedy, and proudly acknowledges the efforts of the India Earthquake Relief Fund; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for distribution.